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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mrs. E. S. Glendon of Philadelphia, Pa., was an overnight guest at the Inn. Mr. Glendon has a fine stock farm at Quarryville, Pa.

Burton Rose of Cleveland was a week end guest at the Inn. Mr. Rose is a nephew of Mr. Wm. J. Upson, and expects to make an extended visit in Bethel.

Mr. Fred Wentworth of No. Bridge was an overnight guest at the Inn, coming to Bethel to bid good bye to friends who are soon to leave for New York.

Rev. John E. Stuchell of Cleveland was a week end guest at the Inn. He was charmed with the country and hopes to return and see it the coming summer. The weather was ideal on Friday, and on Saturday the snow storm was one of the most picturesque of the winter. Sunday the immense amount of snow on the trees made a wonderful picture, and on Monday the wind blew the snow around, giving a fine exhibition of all kinds of winter weather in New England.

The many friends of Leon H. Cilley, Manager of Bethel Inn, will be glad to know the doctor has reported his condition satisfactory, and told him all he had to do now was to get well. He has received many beautiful flowers, letters and telegrams from all parts of the country. One letter from the Rev. Mr. B. H. H. was particularly touching and gave him great pleasure. Mr. Cilley has always been a warm friend of the boys everywhere, and never misses an opportunity to help along any young man struggling for an education when it is possible for him to do so. The many expressions of sympathy have been a great comfort to both Mr. and Mrs. Cilley in this trying time.

MISS PHEBE M. BUXTON.

Early in the morning of March 20th, one of Bethel's oldest inhabitants passed into the larger life, at the age of almost ninety-two years.

Miss Buxton was born on April 6, 1825, in the town of Cumberland. Her parents were William and Hannah Buxton. She came to Bethel in 1862, to care for her aged mother. In 1878, when her half sister, Hannah, died, she was left alone in her home on Church street, and since that time she has spent the winters in Massachusetts and in Cumberland, Maine, returning to Bethel for the summer. Several years ago, failing strength obliged her to close her house and she has since lived elsewhere in Bethel village.

Miss Buxton was one of the last real daughters of the Revolution, her father having been an officer in the war for independence.

"Clinging to the past in many ways, she has yet been progressive along all lines essential to true advancement. She was one of the trustees of the Bethel public library and a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She read widely, she was interested in medicine, and all sciences. She welcomed any means by which the suffering of man or beast was lessened, and humanity uplifted.

Some of her terse remarks might well become aphorisms; one of them being, "If there were more justice in this world, there would be less need of this giving." Yet she was always ready to help the needy and the distressed.

Miss Buxton was a botanist. Plants were her friends, and she called them all by name. The wonder and the joy which she felt toward the whole world of green things showed her deep appreciation of those words in Genesis: "And God saw that it was good." For she, too, saw that it was good. As through Nature she looked up to Nature's God. The tiny twin flower in the blossom were to her as wonder as the roses in her garden.

Some years ago she was asked if she would like to live her life over again. Instantly and earnestly came the reply: "No, I want to go on."

As we feel that she has simply "gone on" after a long, well-spent life on earth. Something of the strength and endurance of the hills and sea, both of which she loved, seemed to have passed not only into her character, but into her apparently all body for it held to life with a tenacity which would bear the spirit, making her eager for its release.

78th MAINE

LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

The great spring drive has started in the 78th Maine Legislature. Last week's doings went along with a snap and vim that set the prognosticators of a March 30th close to saying jubilantly, "There, what'd I tell you!" Perhaps the best evidence of this efficient procedure is in the list of advertised hearings for this week before the committees. They have dwindled from an approximate 275 to about a scant dozen. The judiciary committee closed its hearings, unforeseen events excepted, the middle of last week. Most of the hearings remaining are of minor importance.

The House last week passed the resolution submitting to the people an amendment to the Constitution giving the Governor the power to remove officers where non-performance of duty is evident. This is one of the so-called liquor measures and, as such, is regarded as a considerable victory for the administration. The Senate on Friday passed the resolution in concurrence with the House by a vote of 23 to 2. Senators Goggin of Androscoggin and Butler of Knox being the only ones opposed. The measure was called up in the House on Thursday by Rep. Farrington of Augusta. Vigorous debate followed the motion for final passage, the chief features of which were the turning of P. J. Rossignol over to the administration's liquor program by speaking and voting against the bill, and the defection of Reps. Rounsefell of Portland and Benson of Clinton from the Republican ranks otherwise solidly in favor of the resolve. Two-thirds or 97 votes were required for passage. The final tally showed 101 for and 44 against. Three Democrats voted for the measure.

Another flurry came over the bill repealing the distributing clause of the law relating to the taxation of railroads, telegraph and telephone companies. The Senate accepted the majority report, "ought not to pass," but the House took to its bosom the minority report, "ought to pass." The Senate adhered to its former action, which would appear to mean the death of the act.

A resolution, condemning any action on the part of citizens of this country, which should result in a railroad strike at this time and invoking the patriotic manhood of the nation to protest against it was adopted by both branches of the Legislature on Friday.

Hydroelectric development still continues to rattle legislative waters. Rep. Baxter of Portland is making a desperate fight, on the face of things, for conserving of power to the State of Maine, with a trend toward State ownership. His big hearing came last week before the judiciary committee on his bill to provide for a State water power commission, and an investigation of the water powers of the State. It met about the same reception as the Dutton bill of the week before when the attorney for the corporations got in their fine work. The Dutton bill has been reported from the committee, "ought not to pass." In an opinion introduced at the Baxter bill hearing, former Chief Justice L. A. Emerson said the question, "Can the Legislature authorize the expansion of water powers to be taken from them under the law of eminent domain?" Justice Emerson said, "I think the answer has been answered authoritatively and decisively in the negative to the court in *Hudson vs. Knoll*, 101 Me. 251."

Among the measures introduced last week was one by Rep. Cole of Ellsworth to amend the Revised Statutes relating to the prohibition of the transmission of electric power beyond the limits of the State. The export of such power would be permitted only after the corporation "shall have established to the satisfaction of the public utility commission."

Those who were privileged to know her best will remember her keen appreciation of all things worthy, her discriminating judgment, and the fidelity of her friendship.

Funeral services will be held at Garland Chapel on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. Israel Jordan of Falmouth will conduct the services.

THE WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE

Paper Read by Judge A. E. Herrick at Banquet of Oxford Bar Association

I was asked to take a little of your time at this gathering and it was suggested to me that I speak along some line connected with Probate Law and Practice. I doubt my ability to say anything that will interest you. The final disposition of a man's estate through the Probate Court is not an event which he contemplates with great pleasure.

I have thought that the rights of widows and especially their right to an allowance out of the estate would strike a sympathetic chord in your hearts. Besides it has the merit of dealing with a live subject. I have noticed that widows are very much alive when the question of an allowance is raised; and if by any chance they are unaware of their rights, some kind and sympathetic friend is sure to tell them.

When questions pertaining to the distribution of estates among heirs are under consideration, parties are very zealous of their rights and sometimes they develop toward each other a hatred and bitterness which have no parallel in any other class of cases. This condition is rarely found in hearings for an allowance. Instead of a demand for the application of the stern principles of the law, the request more often comes in the form of an appeal, leaving for its foundation equity and sympathy.

Attorneys appearing for the widow always act up to the part. One often feels that Mark Antony's words would be appropriate: "If you have tears prepare to shed them now." Such an appeal finds a ready response in the Judge.

He may neglect to provide for his family; his children may go without shoes, but he is never permitted to forget the widows.

Sentiment is often more powerful than reason. Judges are sometimes human and they are always generous, especially when it comes to giving away other people's money.

So it happens that what originally may have been intended as a proceeding to relieve the present and temporary necessities of the widow has, by the kindness of the Court, developed into a process which allows Judges of Probate to exercise a wide discretion in an attempt to secure for her a proper and just share in the estate.

We inherited from Massachusetts our statute on this subject. The courts of that State at first were inclined to give the statute a liberal construction. But in 1925 the commissioners for revising the statute made a statement in their report that the intention was that the allowance was not to compensate the widow for any apparent injustice to which she may have, in any case, been exposed by the statute of distribution, or by the will of her husband; but that it was merely to furnish her with a reasonable maintenance for a short time and until some other arrangement could be made. It being understood at the same time that it should always be of small amount, so as not to be sensibly felt by others who were interested in the disposition and distribution of the estate. This interpretation of the statute by the courts was not taken seriously either by the Judges of Probate or by the courts of appeal. Many allowances were made for in excess of what was reasonable for the temporary necessities of the widow.

But in 1901 the whole matter was brought up to the Supreme Court on an appeal from the decree of the Judge of Probate of Suffolk County, granting an allowance of \$3,000. The language of the statute upon which the petition for allowance was based is as follows: "Such parts of the personal estate of a deceased person as the Probate Court, may allow as necessary to his widow, for herself and for his family under her care, shall not be taken as assets for the payment of debts."

The full court was divided. The majority held that the interpretation given by the commissioners was the correct one, and reduced the allowance for the widow to \$500. This sum they found to be as large as could properly be given for her immediate necessities. When we consider the facts, which

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GRANGE NEWS

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.
Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 150, held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 13. There were twenty-five members present. The usual business being attended to the following literary program was given:
Song, J. A. Brown
Song, Asa Howard
Recitation, Mrs. Mabel Carpenter
Grange closed in form.

FRANKLIN GRANGE.
Franklin Grange held its regular meeting, Saturday P. M., March 17. Twelve applications were received. The following program was given:
Music, Choir
Reading, Elva Abbott
Music, Choir
Farce, "How the Story Grew," by eight ladies.
Song, "Indiana,"
Ned Lovejoy, Dana Dudley

ALDER RIVER GRANGE.
This Grange held its regular meeting, Wednesday evening, March 14. An invitation was read from Bethel Grange, inviting this grange to their all day meeting on March 22. Literary program:
Question—Is raising sweet corn more beneficial to the farmer than raising potatoes? Opened by Guy Bartlett, discussed by L. E. Cole, Evelyn Kimball, Russell Swan and Frederick Bean. The question being a tie it was voted to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Piano Solo, Miss Ethel Cole
Clipping, Frederick Bean
Reading, Mrs. May M. Hall
Reading program for next meeting by the worthy lecturer, Grange closed in form.

PARIS GRANGE.
March 17 all but two of the regular officers of Paris Grange were present, when Master Dudley called to order at 11 A. M. The Milk Producers' Association held a meeting in one of the ante rooms in the A. M. The Grange had invited them to dinner. There were quite a number there who do not belong to the Grange. An open meeting was held and the following program was carried out:
Dialogue, L. A. Brooks and wife
Piano Solo, Fern Brooks
Paper on Woman Suffrage, Anne Wheeler
Reading, Hattie Millett
P. R. Adams and G. A. Yeaton discuss the question of woman suffrage.
Reading, A. A. King
P. R. Adams, State Dairy Inspector, discussed the milk question from the producer's standpoint.
G. A. Yeaton described the blister blight on the white pine.
A vote of thanks was given to both for their aid on the program. Next meeting, April 7. April 21 will be observed as "All Members' Day," and the Brothers have charge of the dinner.

LONE MT. GRANGE.
Lone Mt. Grange, No. 131, Andover, Me., met for its regular meeting, last night, March 17. Meeting called to order at 10:30, about eighty being present. The usual routine of business carried through. Bro. J. P. Talbot acted as financial committee reporter; that the cash for the hall was all paid for except \$20. It was voted that the Grange send Bro. Edna Abbott who is in Maine's Hospital for an operation, flowers and a postal shower. This meeting being during the morning session, we listened to a tribute of respect paid by Mrs. Geo. Learned to the charter members very able conference. The charter members were treated as guests of honor, and as the pianist played a march, the charter members feasting, coffee and pastry, served by the broth-ers. The tables were prettily decorated in honor of St. Patrick's Day, green and white, a special table being reserved and more elaborately decorated for the charter members. After the program was carried out, furnished by Mrs. Geo. Learned. The program was opened by a feature entitled "Distinctive Grange," the idea was to link with its history which is now in the making. To place music the guests marched in, first a staid Indian and his squaw, next John and Priscilla Alden, followed next by a Revolutionary soldier and wife, then Uncle Sam and Miss Columbus, then a boy of '61 and a Spanish war veteran each in appropriate costume.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday will be, "Today and Tomorrow."

The leading thought of the evening service will be, "Christian Growth, Jesus' Parables Relating To Christian Development."
The social at the chapel last Thursday evening was a success in every way. It was an enjoyable occasion and those who missed it, missed an evening's pleasure which cannot be duplicated at present.
The storm of Saturday prevented the Social Six from holding their meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
There will be a rehearsal of Easter music at Dr. Wight's this Wednesday evening. All our singers are cordially invited to come and swell this chorus. The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. George Harlow, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.
The theme of the Sunday morning sermon will be, "A Christian Memory."

Mrs. Curtis will lead the Christian Endeavor service next Sunday evening. Topic, "The Saloon, the Fate of Society." There will be special music. All Scouts of Troop 2, who have not passed to second class, are invited to the paragon next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.
The Sunday school is rehearsing for the Easter concert.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The Alphabet Sale by the Ladies' Aid last night, after a very successful. The tables which were well covered as well as very prettily decorated when the sale opened were almost bare when the supper hour brought the final raid on the food supplies. The ladies realized a satisfactory sum for their labor and originality.

On Thursday evening of this week the Woman's Missionary Society held their annual Mite Box opening at the home of Mrs. Alanson Tyler. All who have mite boxes are expected to bring or send them that the contents may be forwarded before the end of the church year.

A social is planned at the church for Friday evening for all young people of the church who are twelve or over. This will be the last social gathering of the current church year.
Sunday morning topic, "The Man, the Church and the Community."

Private attire accompanied by their wives; each couple as they entered the hall being introduced by Mrs. O. A. Burgess. Behind came several small children bearing American flags who were announced as "our evening Patriots," next came the charter members, who as they marched around the hall went to their places assigned them as officers for the afternoon. Then a tableau of the guests was formed on the stage and all sang America.

Singing, Grange
History of Lone Mt. Grange, W. W. Perkins
Song, Walter Marston
Exhortation, Mrs. Walter Marston
Reading, E. M. Bailey
Song, Quartet
Original Poem, Mrs. Geo. Learned
Song in closing, Grange

GOVERNMENT SEEDS.

A letter from Senator Bert M. Fernald of Maine informs us that seeds designed for Maine, under the Government's free distribution plan, will be shipped from Washington about March 15. This will mean that the supply which the Senator has arranged for the Grange to distribute among its members ought to be available by the 20th of March.

MUSCLE SORENESS RELIEVED.

Unusual work, bending and lifting or strenuous exercise is a strain on the muscles, they become sore and stiff, you are crippled and in pain. Sloan's Liniment brings you quick relief, easy to apply, it penetrates without rubbing and drives out the soreness. A clear liquid, cleaner than many plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Always have a bottle handy for the pains, aches of rheumatism, gout, lameness, grippe, bruises, stiffness, backache and all external ails. At your druggist, 25c. Advt.

Dean's Rheumatic Pills for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Relieve your aches, pains.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.
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Neatly and Promptly Done.
Laces, Polishers, Whiting, Etc.
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Maine Street, Bethel, Maine.
Opposite N. F. Brown's.

FOR SALE.

Ten tons of good hay. Inquire of
MRS. J. C. BILLINGS,
Bethel, Maine.

RAGS WANTED.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.
CITIZEN OFFICE.

FOR SALE.

Fair bay horses, well matched, good workers or drivers, either single or double; also set of work harnesses, two horse wagon gear, and hay rack, all in good condition.
P. M. BARKER,
Bethel, Maine.

TATTOOING.

Made very neatly and at a reasonable price.
WEETATT CLUB,
Inquire of Mrs. Thomas Browne.
3-15-17.

NOTICE.

Typewriter to let by the week or month. 50c per week, \$2.00 per month. Inquire at
CITIZEN OFFICE,
Bethel, Maine.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

On Feb. 15, 1917, a brown and yellow colored dog, answers to the name of Towser. Owner's name on collar. Reward offered. Please notify
ABNER H. KIMBALL,
Route 3, Bethel, Me.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING.

There will be no Parent-Teacher meeting this week, owing to the schools being closed.

HATCHING EGGS.

From a good laying strain of Barred Plymouth Rocks. \$1.00 per setting.
F. B. MERRILL,
Bethel, Maine.

GROUP OF PLAYS.

Will be given at
MR. UPSON'S MUSIC ROOM,
Tuesday Evening, April Third,
Under the direction of Miss Schoenle of the Cincinnati Dramatic School.

SHOES

A fine line of men's heavy shoes for spring.
Heavy calked river driver shoes. All kinds of foot wear for the whole family.

Shoe and rubber repairing of all kinds. All work guaranteed. All orders and repair work sent post paid.

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Spring Clothes

The new spring garments are here in such a big variety that you can decide now on several models that will look well on your figure. Prices are very modest.

WOOLTEX coats and suits are very pleasing when you first see them, and more so when they give real service. The styles are conservative, but becoming to nearly every one.

Suits priced \$22.45 to \$35.00

Coats priced \$16.45 to \$32.50.

OTHER GOOD MAKES of coats and suits that we know will fit well, and will give you big value for the money you pay. No two alike in the better grades. Popular colors are Gold, Apple Green, Rose, Rookie, Copen and always the staple Navies.

Suits priced \$14.95 to \$29.75.

Coats priced \$7.95 to \$24.75.

We fit all suits and coats free of charge.

RAIN COATS. The spring rains will begin soon when a good rain coat will save a cold.

SPECIAL ladies' and misses' sizes tan rubber coated material, velvet collar, cut real full, belt, cemented shoulder seams, a new coat, only \$3.95. Other good rain coats, rubber coated and cravenetted, \$4.95 to \$12.45.

CHILDREN'S RAIN COATS of tan, rubber coated goods, a school bag and rain hat of same material. Size 6 to 14 years and only \$2.95.

DRESS SKIRTS. You should see our assortment of plaids and stripes in silk and wool goods, \$5.95 to \$9.75.

BIG SHOWING of plain colors in mohair, serge, poplin, washable corduroy, \$4.95.

NEW KIMONOS. Spring assortment includes the serpentine crepes, imported Japanese crepe and silk, prices \$1.00 to \$4.95.

SPRING SHIRT WAISTS

Dozens of beautiful styles and in a great variety of colors and materials.

SPORT WAISTS of stripe voile, also the plain white of voiles and muslin, big values, 98c.

SPECIAL VALUE WAISTS in voiles, lace insertion and edge trimmed, large deep collar, all sizes, 34 to 46, \$1.25.

HEAVY JAP SILK WAISTS are selling very fast in the sport colors, Flesh, Peach, Maise, Nile, special showing at \$1.98.

CREPE DE CHENE AND GEORGETTE WAISTS for dressy wear, white and the light tints, all sizes 34 to 50, \$3.45, \$3.98 and \$4.95.

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SPRING NECKWEAR

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SPRING YARD GOODS

If you do not find what you want in our ready-to-wear department, we have thousands of yards of the newest materials for all kinds of spring clothes for women or children.

Cotton goods that will wash and silk, woolens, crepes.

GINGHAMS. Fast colors, stripes and check patterns, 15c yard.

PERCALES. Best quality, shirting stripes, dark, light, for dresses, aprons, 15c.

BEACH CLOTH in sport stripes and coin dot, voiles, madras, white or colors, 25c.

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NORWAY,

MAINE

Mrs. Keweenaw Robinson of Milan, N. H., is a guest of friends.

Miss Zella Kimball from Albany is visiting Mrs. Wm. Lowe.

Mr. Thomas Brown is at home, having finished work in the woods.

Mr. Sidney Jodrey has recovered so he has resumed work for the U. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace Andrews last Tuesday. The program was appropriate to the observance of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Neal Jew and Mrs. L. M. N. Stearns. Birthdays of their life and work were read by the members and also a poem written by Miss Isabel Stedley on the occasion of their birthday. When the meeting closed, a hymn by Leonard Adams, also a poem by Mrs. Caroline Rich and one from the pen of Mrs. Donald Macomber, then pastor of the Congregational church in North Waterford. Mrs. Kate Howe gave personal reminiscences of both Mrs. Jew and Mrs. Stearns, and Miss Hiram Brown read a poem written by her sister, Miss Loretta Howe and dedicated to Mr. Jew on his birthday birthday.

Mrs. Adelle Chasore is visiting relatives in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown were in Gorham, N. H., last week.

Mrs. L. H. Wight was the guest of relatives in Gorham last week.

Mrs. Parker of Milan, N. H., is visiting her brother, Harace Adams.

Gordon Allen went to Portland, Saturday, where he intends to get work.

Mr. Forest Conant of Hebron was the guest of friends in town last week.

Mr. Marion Allen of Bryant's Pond was a week-end guest of Mr. L. L. Carver.

Mrs. Lillian Stowell was the guest of relatives at Gorham, N. H., last week.

Miss Jessie Brown, who is teaching at Livermore Falls, is spending her vacation at Rev. T. P. Chapman's.

Mrs. Loretta Merrill went to the Central Maine Hospital, Lewiston, last Wednesday for treatment.

Mr. Ira Jordan was in Portland, Friday.

Mr. W. J. Upson was in Portland last Friday.

Mr. P. Benson Norton was the week-end guest of friends in town.

Mrs. D. L. Bryant of Bangor is the guest of relatives in town.

Mr. Stuart W. Goodwin was a business visitor in town, Monday.

A number of the lumber men have broken camp and returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Parker from Sunday River were week-end visitors at Howard Colburn's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hastings were guests of Mrs. Hastings' aunt, Mrs. Lilla Locke, at Norway last week.

Mr. Harris White and son, Maynard, of Haverhill, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe last week.

Miss Mary Gorman was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gorman, at Sunday River last week.

BETHEL and vicinity

Mrs. T. B. Burke is recovering from an attack of the grip.

Marjory Allen spent the week-end with friends in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith from Sunday River were in town, Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Poole was in Oxford and Lewiston, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. William Lowe has been confined to the house the past few days with a severe cold.

The Weetatt Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Young on Thursday of this week at 2:30.

Mr. H. H. King has sold his livery business to Mr. Horace Littlefield of Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Irving French from Newry Corner was in Bethel calling on friends the last of the week.

The Crochet Club met with Misses Helen Frost and Lena Durkee at Dr. J. G. Gehring's, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Glines and daughter, Ruth, returned from Magalloway the last of the week.

Mrs. Chas. L. Davis, who has been visiting Mrs. William Kendall at Gorham, N. H., returned home Monday.

Mr. Fred White, who has been working at Richardson Pond this winter, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe.

Miss Clara Goodwin of Lewiston arrived last week to take the place vacated by Mrs. Bessie Sloan at the Dormitory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wheeler went to Gilsum, Saturday to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lowe of Bryant's Pond are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born March 12.

Another moving picture show will be given in Odeon Hall, Friday evening, Mar. 23, under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

Miss Florence Springer accompanied her little sister, Josephine, to the Maine General Hospital in Portland, where she had an operation upon her throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rayford, who have been running Smith's Hotel, have moved onto their farm at East Bethel and their places have been taken by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moody.

Everett Smith went to Portland, Monday, where he has a position on the electric cars, and will move his family there as soon as he gets a suitable rent.

The annual inspection of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, P. & A. M., will be held Thursday evening, Mar. 22, with Ernest J. Record, D. D. G. M., of South Paris as inspecting officer.

Friends of Frank H. Sawyer will be sorry to hear of his death in San Diego, California, Feb. 21. Mr. Sawyer was formerly a student at Odeon's Academy, and was calling on friends in town only last summer.

Mrs. Harry Jansen and Mrs. P. C. Andrews were in Lewiston, Sunday, to visit Walter Jansen, who is in the Central Maine Hospital. They found he was very much improved and will be able to return home in a few days.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 23 and 24. Adv.

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Love of Music, desire to play—and now, ability to play the piano as you wish—these spell Happiness. Come in To-day. Write for catalogues and prices.

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Judge A. E. Herrick, H. H. Hastings, Esq., and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Cross at Mrs. G. P. Bean's, Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 27. Special program.

ALBANY. Old Winter seemed both to leave us and the day he took his departure Mr. Wind helped him pile the snow upon our already enormous drifts.

Miss Anna Cummings, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Angie Bean, has gone to Oxford to visit friends there.

Wm. Grover moved Arthur Andrews' goods from South Paris to the Austin S. Hutchinson place which Mr. Andrews purchased. His family

Wednesday on a business trip.

A. G. Bean attended court at South Paris, last Tuesday.

Now shirt waists and neckwear at L. M. Stearns'.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 30 and 31. Adv.

Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 30 and 31, at L. M. Stearns'.

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The sunshine cakes have more egg whites than yolks but the total amount would be about the same.

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ring into the yolk and sugar and mix. Then fold a portion of the stiff whites into the yolks and sugar, sift in a part of the flour, add more whites and flour alternately till all is smoothly blended without stirring but by cutting and wrapping the yolk over the white.

Beating or stirring lets out the air we have beaten into the whites and makes the mixture more liquid. The cake when ready for the pans should be like whipped cream. If put in small tins or layer-cake pans, such cake should bake twenty minutes or more. When taken from the oven too soon it shrinks too much. Better leave in the oven a few minutes longer with the door ajar if necessary. The fuels and ovens work so differently that it is impossible to give exact directions for temperature and time that will apply equally to all. Each housekeeper must try for herself and find what is best adapted to her conditions and locality. With all cake it is wise to divide the time of baking into three periods and have the heat greater in the second than in the first and third. Cakes made light in part with baking powder will bear more heat than those in which eggs alone are used for lightness.

The butter cakes are mainly variations from the pound cake which was used so generally in the days when housekeepers thought they must have cake always on hand. A cake made light with eggs only and with no other moisture than eggs and butter did not dry like a modern cake containing milk or water and baking powder.

The proportions in most simple cakes are, in general: one measure fat, two measures sugar, one measure liquid, one measure eggs, four or more measures of flour, with one teaspoonful of baking powder to each cup of flour.

If we increase the fat we decrease the liquid, or the other way round. The fewer eggs the more flour, or the reverse.

For example: We may start with one-half cupful of fat, add one cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of milk, two eggs, and two cupfuls plus of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

Suppose we decide to use less fat, making it one-fourth cupful we may increase the milk to three-fourths cupful.

The time-honored way of mixing such cakes is to cream the butter or other fat. That is to work and beat it until like cream, by this means mixing in some air as when whipping cream or beating eggs. This is an easy process if hot water is put in the clean bowl and left there while measuring the ingredients for the mixture. Then wipe out the bowl, put in the butter, cut in slices and leave a few moments, perhaps while greasing the pans. By that time the butter will have softened a little and when rubbed against the bowl with a wooden spoon, quickly is beaten light. When but a few spoonfuls of fat are used it does no harm to melt it and stir in after the batter is mixed. But often it takes as much time to do that and to wash the dish afterward as it would to cream it in the bowl in which the mixing is done.

Sometimes a new receipt fails because it calls for an excess of sugar and fat but not enough flour and eggs in proportion. Then the result is more like candy than like cake.

Why not use some receipt on which you can rely as the basis for a variety of cakes? Make them in different shapes from time to time, the thick loaf to the sliced, the thin sheet to be frosted and cut in squares, the cakes to be put together with frosting or filling and little individual cakes. A special receipt is not needed for a raisin, currant, or citron cake. In the same way that fruit is added, we may add chopped nuts or coconut. To summarize what has been explained in detail above: All cake recipes

recepts may be reduced to variations on two fundamental formulas, sponge cakes and butter cakes.

True Sponge Cake: Equal measures of egg, sugar and flour. One cupful of eggs means four or five according to size. For flavor the grated rind and juice of a lemon is generally used and a shade of salt.

The process of mixing is given above. This cake may be baked in one thick loaf which will require an hour in a moderate oven, or in small cake tins. In the latter case, the oven may be hotter as they will bake in twenty or thirty minutes.

Kisses: To each egg white, beaten stiff, fold in one-fourth cup of powdered sugar, flavor and drop in small shapes on ungreased paper. Ten or twelve may be made from one white. Bake very slowly, (dry rather than bake) for about half an hour or longer.

Variations of the foregoing: Sprinkle with desiccated coconut before baking. Add one teaspoonful of coconut with the sugar. Finely chopped nuts may be mixed in, or sprinkled over before baking. Tiny candies, like sugared caraway seeds, may be put on top before baking. After baking, two may be put together, back to back, with any frosting.

Foundation Butter Cakes: One-half cupful (four ounces) of butter or other fat, softened, mixed with one and one-half cupful of sugar, blend in three or four egg yolks. Have ready three cupfuls of sifted flour with which three teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been sifted. Add this to the egg mixture alternately with one cup of milk, a little of one and then some of the other. Finally fold in stiff whites of the eggs. Flavor with spice or extract—one-fourth teaspoonful of mace and one-half teaspoonful of lemon extract is a good combination.

Variation of the foregoing: For gold cake, use egg yolks only, and add another teaspoonful of baking powder. For silver cake, use egg whites only. For ribbon cake, use half of the mixed cake batter add one-fourth cupful of molasses, two teaspoonfuls of mixed spice (any combination liked) and one-half cupful of chopped raisins blended with one-fourth cupful of flour. Bake light cake in two pans and dark cake in two pans and after baking alternate the layers with a thin layer of frosting or merely egg white to hold them together. For marble cake, instead of baking in separate layers, blend the dark and light mixtures in the pans before baking. Cocoa may be used to give a dark color in place of molasses and spices. For chocolate cake, to one-half of the mixed batter add one ounce of melted chocolate.

Rich Fruit Cakes: One cupful butter, two cupfuls sugar, one cupful molasses, four eggs, two teaspoonfuls mixed spice, one scant teaspoonful soda, one quart flour. To this may be added from one cup to one quart of cleaned dry fruit, a mixture of citron, currants and raisins or any one of them alone. Bake slowly in loaves for about two hours.

Wrap in paper, and keep in stone jar, or close tin box, for a month before cutting.

DIXFIELD.

The P. B. Club was entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Josie Walters.

Mrs. Will W. Waite, who has been with friends in Portland and a guest of her mother at Phillips the past few weeks, returned to her home here, Thursday.

Prof. Newton of Kent's Hill was a guest Wednesday at the home of D. A. Gates.

Mrs. Francis Pratt is caring for Mr. Sawtelle, who is ill with rheumatic fever, at the home of G. O. Gardner. George Easter and wife, who have been stopping for the past two weeks at the home of their son, Leo Wilson and family, returned Saturday to their home on Well street.

Miss Gertrude Berry went to Canton, Friday, to remain for a few days. She will be a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alvin Morse.

Miss Verduina Ladden returned Thursday from a very enjoyable visit of a few weeks, spent with friends in Brooklyn, N. Y., and in Auburn.

D. A. Gates and wife were in Augusta a few days the past week.

Miss Eliza Edwards, Miss Blanche Bishop and Miss Bessie Taylor attended the Chapman concert at Rumford, Thursday evening.

W. H. Cook of Chesterville was in town Friday in the interest of the Farmers' Telephone system.

CANTON

Mrs. Austin Hyde of Rumford has been a guest of Mrs. R. W. Bicknell. Mr. and Mrs. Burdell Wright have gone to Winchester, N. H., where Mr. Wright will be employed on a dairy farm.

Waldron Morse is ill of the grip. Mrs. M. A. Smith has been a guest of her brother, Will Abbott and family of Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Forhan have been on a trip to Portland. The high school students went to Livermore Falls, Saturday, to have their photos taken.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barrows, who have been ill, are on the gain. Clevellyn Heald of Sumner has been visiting his brother, Cyrus Heald.

Miss Mary Kelley has closed a successful term in the Union school and returned to Bath.

Ezra T. Chamberlain is confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Etta Glover has been ill for a few days.

The Universalist Circle met Thursday with Mrs. Philora Strout. Mrs. G. L. Wadlin will be hostess in two weeks.

The village schools close this week for a recess.

Mrs. H. H. Nulty of Buckfield has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Bicknell.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Boothby and little daughter, Barbara, have been ill. Several candidates will be initiated at the meeting of John A. Hodge Relief Corps this week.

Miss Eleanor B. Forbes took for her subject, Sunday, at the Universalist church, "The Power of the Indwelling Spirit."

H. T. Tirrell was at home from Auburn for the week end.

Elmer Lane of Rumford has been a guest at the home of Chas. E. Richardson and family.

John Barker is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

John Briggs, Harold Gilbert and Ervin York have been attending court at South Paris.

J. M. Johnson of Lewiston has been in town the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stubbs, formerly of Canton, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Ellis Harvey Stubbs.

Mrs. Harriet Bishop Reynolds, an aged and esteemed resident of Canton, passed away last Tuesday forenoon after a week's illness. Mrs. Reynolds was the widow of the late Austin Reynolds, and was 74 years of age. She was born in Hartford, the daughter of Stephen Foye and Elizabeth Bishop Foye. Forty-two years ago she married Austin Reynolds and they settled on the place where she died and where they always resided. Mr. Reynolds passed away Feb. 16, 1890.

She is survived by one son, William A. Reynolds and two nephews, John N. Foye of Canton and Caleb E. Mendall of Hartford. The funeral was held Thursday at the home at 10:30 o'clock, Miss L. B. Treadwell of the United Baptist church officiating. The floral offerings were beautiful. The bearers were her two nephews, J. N. Foye and C. E. Mendall and Isaac Lohrop and Lee Martin. The interment was at Pine Woods cemetery.

The second annual exhibition of Canton high school was held at the Opera House, Tuesday evening of last week with a crowded house. The program opened with a selection from the high school orchestra composed of Ansel Ellis, leader, cornet; Miss Madeline Hines, violin; Miss Marguerite Hollis, piano; and Nathan Waite, trombone.

The ten pupils who took part in the speaking marched into the hall, marshaled by Donald Adams. Prayer was then offered by Miss L. B. Treadwell, pastor of the United Baptist church.

The speakers were: Charles Bartlett, Ora Woodward, Clara Ladden, Katherine Hollis, Elva Woodward, Norma Heald, Arthur Tucker, Eleanor Westgate and Harold Bradford. An Indian club drill by nine boys and a dumb

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Stocks and Bonds, 5,905,007.59

Cash in Office and Bank, 2,528,288.68

Agents' Balances, 1,939,132.63

Bills Receivable and Suspense Accounts, 18,928.59

Interest and Rents, 170,169.75

All other Assets, 118,013,930.93

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1917.

THE WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE.

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It was shown, that the parties were of high social standing, that the estate was not large, that the assets consisted entirely of personal property amounting to \$163,000, of which the widow would take nothing under the law, we begin to realize the force of this decision.

The Massachusetts statute of 1783, which is the earliest that I have found on this subject, contained the words: "Regard should be had to her quality and degree." In the statute of 1805 the words used were: "According to the degree and the state of her husband." Afterward these words were omitted and in 1833 this broad expression: "All the circumstances of the case," was used. These words, as I have before shown, were in the statute at the time the question arose in the case before mentioned, and are still retained.

The dissenting opinion in the case held that the words, "All the circumstances of the case," were broad and embraced all the matters that could be considered in determining an allowance under the earlier statute.

In support of this contention the opinion of Chief Justice Shaw in *Hollister v. Peck* was cited. The dissenting opinion said that it was believed that the statute of 1833 made no substantial change from the earlier statutes. My object in calling special attention to this case of 1891 is because it marks the point of divergence from the general trend of decisions in Massachusetts, prior to that time, on the question of allowance. This change of policy was made on ground for dissent in the minority opinion. In that opinion the dissenting judges mentioned some of the circumstances which had been previously taken into account by the courts in determining the amount of an allowance. These circumstances are, the social position of the husband at the time of his death, and the demands which it would naturally entail upon his widow, the style in which she had been accustomed to live, the amount of his estate, and whether real or personal, or both, and whether she would receive anything from it besides her allowance, her age and state of health, the amount of her own property, and the number of her family, with many other like considerations.

It would seem that a proper regard for all these circumstances might require more than a small allowance for temporary necessities for a short time. The dissenting opinion furnished the ground for a better and more humane practice.

Thus in the last case which I have cited in Massachusetts on the question of an allowance, reported in 1917, the Judge of Probate allowed the widow \$2,000. On appeal the single Justice reduced the amount to \$1,000 and then the full court cut that down to \$600, citing as authority the case of 1891.

This case shows, among other things, how much more generous and kind-hearted Judges of Probate are than any other kind of Judge.

In making provision for an allowance to the widow, Maine in 1827, adopted the language of the earliest Massachusetts statute, which was: "According to her quality and degree." In the revision of the statutes in 1850, the language was changed and the words used were those of the second Massachusetts statute: "According to the degree and state of her husband."

It is interesting to note that when the Judges of Probate have given this statute a liberal construction, and their decisions have been affirmed on appeal. A good example of the liberal use of the Maine statute is to be found in *Shuman v. Shuman*, decided in 1886. The Probate Judge in *Shuman* County granted to the widow an allowance of \$15,000. The case was carried by appeal to the full court, where it was affirmed that instead of the \$15,000 allowed by the Judge of Probate, the sum of \$15,000 should be given.

DEATH COMES

TO G. H. MILLS.

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Mortgage Loans	\$664,600.00
Collateral Loans	20,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	5,247,734.35
Cash in Office and Bank	918,294.35
Agents' Balances	490,084.95
Bills Receivable	77,661.94
Interest and Rents	81,844.05
All other Assets	5,885.80
Gross Assets	\$7,517,735.47
Deduct items not admitted	207,565.63
Admitted Assets	\$7,310,169.84
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$312,027.43
Unearned Premiums	3,075,088.47
All other Liabilities	122,900.00
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,836,003.94
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$7,210,879.84

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.	Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Real Estate	\$2,260,557.27
Mortgage Loans	37,035,062.15
Collateral Loans	255,710.00
Stocks and Bonds	52,350,910.00
Cash in Office and Bank	3,730,554.09
Agents' Balances	\$3,525.43
Bills Receivable	23,317.95
Interest and Rents	1,610,000.23
All other Assets	17,747,012.85
Gross Assets	\$115,861,158.98
Deduct items not admitted	788,885.51
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,101,720.54
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THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.	Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Mortgage Loans	\$455,553.90
Collateral Loans	24,100.00
Stocks and Bonds	2,579,738.82
Cash in Office and Bank	87,304.35
Bills Receivable	45,567.87
Interest and Rents	368,181.50
All other Assets	
Gross Assets	\$3,661,406.74
Deduct items not admitted	130,601.54
Admitted Assets	\$3,530,805.20
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$152,211.86
Unearned Premiums	1,175,148.82
All other Liabilities	169,994.11
Cash Capital	1,900,000.00
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Real Estate	\$1,001,082.00
Mortgage Loans	\$2,078,200.00
Stocks and Bonds	\$6,967,504.59
Cash in Office and Bank	\$1,154,355.02
Agents' Balances	\$3,587,508.33
Bills Receivable	\$4,056.30
Interest and Rents	\$110,516.44
All other Assets	\$140,617.24
Gross Assets	\$15,854,739.50
Deduct items not admitted	\$47,232.82
Gross Assets	\$15,807,506.68
Admitted Assets	\$15,807,506.68
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,260,042.71
Unearned Premiums	\$5,593,217.00
All other Liabilities	\$515,433.39
Deposit Capital	\$600,000.00
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Real Estate	\$750,608.11
Mortgage Loans	18,800.00
Collateral Loans	29,369.00
Stocks and Bonds	9,145,834.20
Cash in Office and Bank	\$1,335,191.07
Agents' Balances	\$1,251,980.40
Bills Receivable	400.00
Interest and Rents	\$121,585.63
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Gross Assets	\$14,118,318.61
Deduct items not admitted	\$75,000.32
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,099,370.35
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Contingent Reserve	\$0,000.00
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Real Estate	\$184,287.51
Mortgage Loans	12,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	\$4,384,132.81
Cash in Office and Bank	\$2,490.68
Agents' Balances	\$80,379.88
Interest and Rents	\$1,955.20
All other Assets	\$10,240.13
Gross Assets	\$5,000,176.45
Deduct items not admitted in the State of Maine	\$67,240.42
Admitted Assets	\$4,932,936.03
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$491,448.14
Unearned Premiums	\$1,280,728.35
All other Liabilities	\$29,815.41
Cash Capital	\$300,000.00
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RUMFORD

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Company B, N. G. S. M., will hold a social dance at the Municipal Building, Tuesday evening, March 27. Music by Webber's orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond L. Melcher of Pine street have left for a visit in New York City.

Mrs. Irma Ercman of South Rumford is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Warren Eddy, who has been learning the paper making business at the Oxford mill, has resigned and returned to his home in Portland.

Mrs. Small of Hancock street entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at her home.

On Saturday afternoon, March 24, the Sunday school class of Mrs. Rose E. Swain will sell 30 loaves of cake made by the Universalist ladies at the store of Elliott W. Howe. The proceeds will go to the War Relief Fund.

Rev. John M. Arters was the speaker at a meeting of the Equal Suffrage League held at the high school building on Tuesday evening of this week.

Lemuel Whalen, a workman on the new dam, is confined to his room with an injured leg, the result of a fall.

Mrs. F. P. Price has accepted the position of bookkeeper at the store of Leiby, Santer and Company.

Lee Abbott has taken some fine photographs of the work on the new dam and power house. The photos are handsomely mounted, and are on sale by Mr. Abbott.

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Wakely of Clinton are visiting their son, Ernest A. Wakely and family, of Lincoln avenue.

Norton Mixer, who has been employed as draftsman for the International paper mill in this town, has left for Livermore Falls, where he has a similar position in the mill there.

The annual meeting of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation will take place the last Tuesday of this month.

Notices have been posted in the Oxford mill announcing that an advance in wages of ten per cent would go into effect April 1st. The reason for the advance is the high cost of living. At the Maple Canted paper mill the advance will not be general. Some of the employees whose wages are in keeping with the cost of living, will receive an increase, while those receiving wages not in keeping with the cost of living, will be given an increase, some more than others, but the average will amount to ten per cent.

Mr. Stephen R. Pennell states that he is a candidate for the office of assessor for the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

Mrs. Emma Barker and children, Mrs. and Alphonse of North Leeds have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy L. Barker of Lincoln avenue.

Miss Ruby Berry has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been working in the interests of the Standard Publishing Company of Boston.

Mrs. H. L. Elliott and daughter, Olive, leave this week for Boston to make a visit with Mr. Elliott who is in that city receiving treatment for his throat.

Herbert McKenzie was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie, of Phillips.

Miss Martha Mixer has returned from an extended stay in Boston and Orlington, Mass., New York City and New Haven, Conn. While in the last named city she was the guest of Miss Charlotte French who has charge of a luncheon there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman, who have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Ernest Leach and family, have returned to their home in Bethel, Maine.

Mr. Freeman's sister, Miss Blanche Freeman, who has been visiting in town for some time, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lapham have been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thon at Houghton.

Alex McDonald has returned to his home in Wall, Maine, after a visit with his family, Roxbury McDonald and family. McDonald will stay in town for a few days.

Mrs. Ralph Iyer of Penobscot street has been visiting with friends in Portland.

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ANDOVER

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Marston.

The Juvenile Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening by Mr. Wm. Milton at the hotel. Lincoln Dresser won the first gentleman's prize and Mrs. Lewis Akers the first lady's prize. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Susan Mills Titus of Boston was the guest of her brother, I. E. Mills and family, over Sunday.

The Grange Sewing Circle held an all day meeting, Friday, at the home of Mrs. Wirt Loveloy.

Twenty-two new books have been added to the public library.

Mr. W. J. Wheeler, insurance agent, from South Paris was in town last week.

Lester Poor has been a recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Clough, at Lewiston.

Owen Smith from Mexico visited his sister, Mrs. Bessie Hastings, recently.

Mrs. John Howe and daughter, Mary, returned Thursday from a few days' visit in Lewiston.

The pupils of the high school played their drama at Rumford Corner last Friday evening, before a large audience. Mr. Frank Gordon of So. Andover carried them to Rumford.

Wm. Milton was at Frye, Saturday. Eben Learned, who has been doing chores for Ray Thurston the past winter, has returned to his home.

Mrs. Gertrude Newhall has been quite ill.

Herbert Campbell and wife have been visiting friends in Upton this week.

Miss Irene Abbott has been visiting friends in Rumford and Peru the past week.

Sidney Abbott was operated on at McCarty's hospital, Rumford, Saturday.

S. G. Wheelwright from Dixfield was in town, Thursday last and delivered the new piano which has been purchased by the different societies for the town hall.

The U. B. K. of F. gave their drama and drill in the hall, Thursday evening, March 15. A large company was present. A chicken pie and pastry supper was served and dancing followed. About \$100 was taken.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening at the home of Walter Barnes. The bowling alleys were thrown open for the guests and every one present had an enjoyable evening. A salad and pastry supper was served. Mrs. F. P. Thomas and Dr. F. E. Leslie were the first prizes, and Walter Barnes and Mrs. Fred Smith the second.

Mrs. George Abbott fell in the room Wednesday of last week and strained her hip. She fell down stairs several years ago and broke her hip and has been on crutches since.

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WEST PARIS

DR. OCTAVIUS K. YATES.

After an illness from paralysis lasting over a period of two years Dr. Yates suffered the final shock on Thursday and on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock passed into the great beyond. Until his illness Dr. Yates was a man of remarkable vigor, never suffering from any illness with the exception of an attack of pneumonia a few years ago. During the more than 55 years of active practice in West Paris he was always able to attend to his work and during the early period of his practice here, being the only settled physician; it was very steady and hard work to ride over these hills almost night and day. Dr. Yates was the only child of James and Amy (Cole) Yates and was born in Greenwood, Sept. 25, 1831. He was the grandson of Rev. William Yates the first settler in Greenwood who came from Scotland to Boston thence to Gloucester and later settled on Patch Mountain in 1800. Dr. Yates was educated in the public schools and at Gould's Academy and for several years engaged in other pursuits and somewhat later in life than many physicians studied with the late Dr. Tewksbury of Portland and at Bowdoin Medical School, coming to West Paris where he has held a large and successful practice and will be sincerely mourned by many families where he has been the family physician even to the third generation. A man, kind, genial and generous, he gave unstintingly of his services to the poor. For many years he was a regular local correspondent of the Argus and also contributed articles of interest to other periodicals. Especially interesting have been some of his historical sketches of the village, also his account of the shooting of President Lincoln as he was in the theatre at the terrible tragedy. Dr. Yates was a member of Granite Lodge of Freemasons. In politics a democrat, in religious preference a Universalist, always giving for the support of the church.

He married Elizabeth D. Felt of Greenwood, who survives, and to them four children were born, Frank and Alton who died in childhood, Llewellyn who died in young manhood and Myrtle Dora who married Dr. Fred E. Wheeler and died several years ago. Dr. Yates is survived by neither children nor grandchildren. A few distant kinsmen survive, also several nieces and nephews of Mrs. Yates who have always visited often in the Yates home. Much sympathy goes out to the widow in her loneliness. The funeral was held from his late home, Wednesday, Rev. D. A. Dall officiating, and the interment will be in the family lot in West Paris Cemetery. There were pretty flowers.

Miss Lucy Everett has been a recent guest of friends in Readfield.

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Herman Abbott of Lawrence, Mass. was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Julia Abbott, at C. H. Lane's.

Rev. G. H. Hamlen, D. D., United Baptist State Secretary, will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday, Mar. 27. A large revival services have been held for the past two weeks by the Methodist and Baptist societies. Rev. E. A. Davis was the worker for the Baptists the first week, and the second week the Methodist workers were Rev. C. I. Spear of South Paris for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday evening Rev. J. A. Bletcher of Lewiston, sang sermons, at Baptist church, Sunday morning unless meeting in M. E. church, with Rev. H. G. McLaughlin of Gorham, N. H., morning and evening.

Saturday evening the junior class of West Paris High school presented the drama, "Country Folks," in Grange Hall to a large and appreciative audience. The drama was coached by Mrs. John F. Wood and as usual gave credit to her director and each of the actors. The cast of characters was as follows:

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Lorna Lane, Laura Emery, Orlan Schuyler, Howard Emery, Prudence Schuyler, Lillian Wheeler, Peter Patch, Earle Hollis, Alvina Berry, Lucy Edwards, Jake Diemer, Herbert Gardner, Horatio Finch, Ralph McAllister.

Miss Agnes Gray is at home from teaching at Bangor for a vacation of several weeks.

Mrs. C. R. Dunham of South Paris has been with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Yates, part of the time since the doctor's recent illness.

Mrs. Winnie Rillon wishes to express her sincere thanks to the friends who remembered her with a post card shower.

Thursday evening the Jolly Twelve Whist Club gave a very delightful St. Patrick's party at Centennial Hall. Besides the members there was a good number of invited guests.

Mrs. Maria Johnson is ill from erysipelas of the foot at Freedland Herriek's.

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LONDON & LANCASHIRE FIRE INS. CO., Ltd., Liverpool, England.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$300,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,531,031.13
Cash in Office and Bank	724,948.88
Agents' Balances	735,431.01
Bills Receivable	1,848.41
Interest and Rents	32,993.28
All other Assets	451,629.52
Gross Assets	\$5,265,772.60
Deduct items not admitted	576,796.52
Admitted Assets	\$4,688,976.08
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$236,788.08
Unearned Premiums	\$2,452,295.58
All other Liabilities	71,501.23
Deposited Capital	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,680,382.29
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$4,688,976.08

515-1-P.

THE MASONIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Stocks and Bonds	\$127,112.00
Cash in Office and Bank	108,872.32
Interest and Rents	7,912.87
Gross Assets	\$243,897.19
Deduct items not admitted	9,147.15
Admitted Assets	\$234,750.04
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$159,718.87
Unearned Premiums	\$143,822.87
All other Liabilities	18,798.40
Cash Capital	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	112,211.90
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$234,750.04

515-1-P.

GENERAL INDEMNITY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Stock and Bonds (Book Value)	\$300,719.12
Cash in Office and Bank	17,266.71
Bills Receivable	412.30
Interest and Rents	3,230.13
Gross Assets	\$321,628.26
Deduct items not admitted	111,274.75
Admitted Assets	\$210,353.51
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Unearned Premiums	\$98,788.08
All other Liabilities	20,774.00
Cash Capital	\$90,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$180,791.43
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$210,353.51

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POEMS WORTH READING

WHATEVER IS, IS BEST.
(Ella Wheeler Wilcox.)
I know as my life grows older,
That mine eyes have clearer sight,
That under each rank wrong, some-where
There lies the root of Right;
That each sorrow has its purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning
Whatever is, is best.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime punished,
Tho' the hour be long delayed,
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,
And to grow means often to suffer—
But whatever is, is best.

I know there are no errors
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man.
And I know when my soul speeds on-ward
In its grand eternal quest,
As sure as I look back earthward,
Whatever is, is best.

SYMPATHY.
(By Mrs. B. M. Walsh.)
Oh mothers whose children are sleeping,
Thank God by their pillows tonight;
And pray for the mothers now weeping,
O'er pillows too smooth and too white;
Where bright little heads oft have lain,
And soft little cheeks have been pressed;
Oh mothers who know not this pain,
Take courage to bear all the rest!

For the somber-winged angel is going
With pillowe flight o'er the land,
And we wake in the morn, never know-
ing
What by eve the night may demand,
Yes, tonight while our darlings are sleeping,
There's many a soft little head,
Whose pillows are moistened with weeping
For the loss of one dear little head.

There are hearts on whose innermost altar
There is nothing but ashes tonight;
There are voices whose tones sadly fall-
ter,
And dim eyes that shrink from the light,
Oh mothers whose children are sleeping,
Pray, pray for the mothers now weep-
ing
O'er pillowe, smooth little beds.

MY NEIGHBOR AND I.
"Oh, pity my neighbor over the way,
Who has nothing to do but to yawn all day;
No little hands to tumble her hair,
No little "silence" to vex her with care,
No little "lament" to worry and tease,
Nothing to do but to control her own ease.
Fear, rich, neighbor, I am sorry for you—
Sorrow, because you have "nothing to do."
Sorrow, because as the days go by
You are restless and weary, you know not why.
And once in a while I can see the trace
Of many a tear on your proud, fair face.
You see I am only a laborer's wife,
Doing my part in the treadmill of life,
Jen, my husband, is off all day,
Fighting the giants of want away;
Baby and I are busy too,
But we've plenty of time to be sorry for you.

Baby's a customer, a piggy and a joy,
But then, you see, he's my own sweet boy—
I have no time for a groan or a sigh,
No time to be idle as the days go by;
My arms are full as the days are long,
Full as my heart with its happy song,
I wish, rich neighbor, were the way,
Watching my baby and so at play;
What of your wealth if your heart is bare?

"To be loved and to love that makes life fair."
Oh, neighbor mine, I can tell you true,
Indeed, I'd rather be I than you."

LAUGHING AT LIFE.
Laughing at life as we go, laughing at life
All the way,
Its little burdens of grief and care that
Drift in the clouds of gray;
Laughing at life as we tell in the tide
Of the falling throng,
With a smile when it rains the tears
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Daisy Baker's Mother Says

Cut Your Bread Cost by Baking at Home

Bread is so cheap and whole-
some that it is the best kind of
economy to eat lots of it. Cut
the high cost of living by eat-
ing more bread and cut it still
more by baking in your own
home.

You can make your own bread
for less than 1 cent a loaf—
and that includes every expense,
materials, fuel and time. It
means practically two loaves
for the price of one—twice as
much for same cost—or the
same quantity of food at one-
half the cost.

—and, besides saving money,
you'll have better bread.
With the right flour, home-
baking is easy. My choice is
William Tell, and I use it for
everything. It's made in Ohio
—right in the Miami Valley,
where the rich limestone soil
gives it a delicious flavor and
wonderful baking qualities. It
takes the ache out of bake and
puts the flavor in.

Use WILLIAM TELL Flour
It is guaranteed under the Ohio Better Flour Label, by the
Annis & Clark Company, who make it, and by the grocer who
sells it. It comes to you with a triple guarantee.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Wash- ington.

By J. E. Jones.

THE TROUBLE IN THE SENATE.
The principle part of the informa-
tion that has gone out about the Sen-
ate filibuster, is misinformation. The
correspondent of the Citizen sat in the
Senate gallery, and was an eye witness
to the affair which caused so much in-
dignation.

Two or three hours before noon on
March 4, the democratic majority cap-
tured the so-called filibuster, and did
not allow the "little group of wilful
men" to speak upon the question of
armed neutrality. Their avowed in-
tention was to prevent Senator La Fol-
lette, whom they looked upon as an
arch-conspirator, from making a speech.
Therefore, in reality, the filibuster
toward the close of the session was con-
ducted wholly by the supporters of
President Wilson, who took this way
of getting even with the obstruction-
ists.

Incidental to the inauguration the
Senate met in special session on Mar.
5, for the purpose of confirming the
Presidential nominations. President
Wilson seized the point of vantage to
enable him to demand a change in the
rules of the Senate so that "means
would be provided to force a vote upon
any measure pending in the Senate."
The rules of the Senate have hereto-
fore allowed for unlimited debate, and
more than one great public measure
has been talked to death in the clos-
ing hours of Congress.

That part of the metropolitan press,
which has been insistent for war for
a year or more, has gone so far as to
use the word "traitor," and to com-
pare certain Senators of the United
States with Benedict Arnold, because
they have disagreed with the President
in his course in dealing with Germany.
Such talk is likely intended to create
excitement among people who are not
fully informed; but those who are
keeping clear heads are inclined to
listen to reason, as voiced by Senator
Cummins, who with his colleague, Sen-
ator Keayson, is among the "little group
of wilful men." Cummins in one of
the great speeches of the session, ex-
pressed the belief that American sen-
timents needed reviving so that the
people would "stand by the Govern-
ment," rather than "by the Presi-
dent."

No sane person should repeat the
charge that men in the Senate, fear-
lessly disagreeing with either the met-
ropolitan press or the President, are
failing in patriotism.

These are days when there is a great
difference of opinion throughout the
country, and former President Hon-
ey and former President Taft, and
others of good presidential size, in-
cluding Senators Cummins and La Fol-
lette have differed with President Wil-
son. And it would be far from ques-
tioning the loyalty of men like Senators
Keayson, Norris, Bacon, O'Donovan, Kir-
by, Vandaman, and the remaining mem-
bers of the minority group.

Most of these men disagree with the
President with reference to arming
ships that carry ammunition in the At-
lantic, but they do not disagree that
ships that do not carry ammunition
might be armed and protected by the
force of the United States.

In strenuous times like these men
that believe their attitude may affect
the country to such an extent as to
draw it into war are using their best
patriotic judgment in upholding the
honor of America and its institutions.
After all Uncle Sam is not looking for
unnecessary trouble, and the Adminis-

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A cough that racks and weakens is
dangerous, it undermines your health
and thrives on neglect. Believe it or
not, with Dr. King's New Discovery.
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throat, loosens the phlegm, its antiseptic
properties kill the germ and the cold
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New Discovery pleasant to take as well
as effective. Have a bottle handy in
your medicine chest for croup, croup
and all bronchial affections. At drug
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Annual Statements of a Few of the Companies Represented.

PROVIDENCE WASHINGTON IN- SURANCE COMPANY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.	U. S. BRANCH NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE OF LONDON & ED- INBURGH, GREAT BRITAIN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.	Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Real Estate, \$109,000.00	Stocks and Bonds, \$8,387,476.20
Mortgage Loans, 65,000.00	Cash in Office and Bank, 381,682.65
Stocks and Bonds, 3,592,539.15	Agents' Balances, 689,388.92
Cash in Office and Bank, 307,178.20	Bills Receivable, 489.42
Agents' Balances, 89,375.11	Interest and Rents, 99,077.05
Bills Receivable, 11,665.49	All other Assets, 9,887.49
Interest and Rents, 18,486.86	Gross Assets, \$10,087,908.33
All other Assets, 1,089,659.85	Deduct items not admitted, 604,983.62
Gross Assets, \$6,220,000.86	Admitted Assets, \$9,482,924.71
Deduct items not admitted, 65,995.93	Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.
Admitted Assets, \$6,154,004.93	Net Unpaid Losses, \$795,409.16
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	Unearned Premiums, 4,899,405.57
Net Unpaid Losses, \$420,532.16	All other Liabilities, 177,052.91
Unearned Premiums, 2,804,531.03	Surplus over all Liabilities, 3,611,051.07
All other Liabilities, 75,000.00	
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00	
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,456,500.54	

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.	GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.	Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Real Estate, \$115,577.93	Real Estate, \$1,750,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 439,500.00	Mortgage Loans, 26,150.00
Collateral Loans, 5,000.00	Collateral Loans, 250,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 23,758,819.69	Stocks and Bonds, 18,830,076.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 2,268,002.48	Cash in Office and Bank, 875,056.71
Agents' Balances, 3,616,421.98	Agents' Balances, 1,907,454.35
Bills Receivable, 15,485.72	Bills Receivable, 104,929.26
Interest and Rents, 278,502.23	Interest and Rents, 17,659.25
All other Assets, 65,052.37	All other Assets, 2,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$31,182,370.43	Gross Assets, \$23,841,046.53
Deduct items not admitted, 1,304,021.12	Deduct items not admitted, 127,668.56
Admitted Assets, \$29,878,349.31	Admitted Assets, \$23,713,377.96
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,997,763.50	Net Unpaid Losses, \$908,399.62
Unearned Premiums, 17,773,222.57	Unearned Premiums, 9,753,444.78
All other Liabilities, 1,025,000.00	All other Liabilities, 2,000,000.00
Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00	Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 7,082,226.14	Surplus over all Liabilities, 10,759,422.29
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,878,349.31	Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$23,713,377.96

transported, should govern. The
defendant received and unloaded a car
of lumber attempting thereby to cover
up the fact by certifying under weight.

**VIOLATIONS OF INTERSTATE
COMMERCE LAWS.**
It will be a surprise to most people
to learn that more indictments are se-
cured by the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission for violation of the interstate
commerce act on the part of shippers,
passengers and others than against the
railroads or their officers or agents. It
has been the general understanding
that the criminal provisions of the act
were intended to punish the paying of
rebates or the granting of concessions
to favored shippers on the part of the
carriers, and most people have been
inclined to overlook the fact that as
far as rebates are concerned there are
always two parties to the prosecution;
and no rebate was ever given that was
not received. The recently issued an-
nual report of the Interstate Commerce
Commission in Congress shows that be-
tween November 1, 1915, and October
31, 1916, inclusive, fifty-four indict-
ments were returned for violations of
the act to regulate commerce and the
acts supplemental thereto. Of this to-
tal of fifty-four indictments, the com-
mission says thirty-two were against
shippers, passengers or other interest-
ed parties other than carrier. Since
the commission's division of prosecu-
tion was organized in 1907 there have
been more indictments of shippers and
passengers for soliciting and receiving
rebates or other preferential treat-
ment, false billing of shipments, filing
false claims and violations of the an-
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ing favors.

HOW THEY DO IT.
Most of the indictments secured un-
der the Interstate Commerce law
against shippers have been for false
billing, that is, false representation as
to the contents and weight of ship-
ments in order to secure lower freight
rates than would have been charged if
the shipment had been properly billed.
One of the cases in which a fine was
imposed shows that the manager of a
manufacturing concern solicited infor-
mation from an interstate carrier rela-
tive to the transportation of a carload
of a competitor. A fine of \$100 was im-
posed.

The typical manner in which at-
tempts are made to evade the law is
shown by a case in which the defend-
ant specified a carload of lumber, and
delivered it at the point of destination.
The tariff provided a charge for the
shipping upon the weight, and fur-
ther provided that an estimated weight,
based upon the number of feet lumber

transported, should govern. The
defendant received and unloaded a car
of lumber attempting thereby to cover
up the fact by certifying under weight.
In one case a single concern was
fined on ten counts for furnishing false
description of lumber shipments, and
the fines imposed amounted to more
than \$40,000.

Apples shipped in bulk, and apples
shipped in boxes, are of two different
rates; and in a case that has come to
light it appears the shipper made a
practice of describing shipments of
bulk apples as apples in boxes, thus
defeating the lawful rate. A fine of
several hundred dollars was imposed.

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ent localities have effectively prevent-
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LARGE AND SMALL BREEDS.

In the Northern States, the last of April and early part of May is perhaps the best time for getting out the chicks.

The heavier breeds requiring more time to mature, are better hatched as early as the season will allow, while with smaller breeds like the Leghorns there is no reason for rushing things, for if hatched in May they will start laying in Fall when egg prices are commencing to get attractive. There is a serious objection to hatching small breeds earlier than April for when this is done there is danger, if they make a satisfactory growth, of their going into a molt before winter, perhaps after laying a few eggs. The waste of time in growing the unnecessary new coat of feathers means quite a loss to the owner.

HATCHING AT ONE TIME.

Where chicks do not have the advantage of free range, or where the different ages cannot be yarded separately until they reach maturity, by far the best plan is to hatch all the chicks that are to be raised at about the same time, or with not more than a couple of weeks variation. If there is much difference in the age of chicks raised together in confinement, the larger ones may turn out as expected, but it is quite certain the younger breeds will prove a sore disappointment. The bigger chicks will get the best of the feed and also be a constant annoyance to the smaller ones.

LATE HATCHING NOT ADVISABLE.

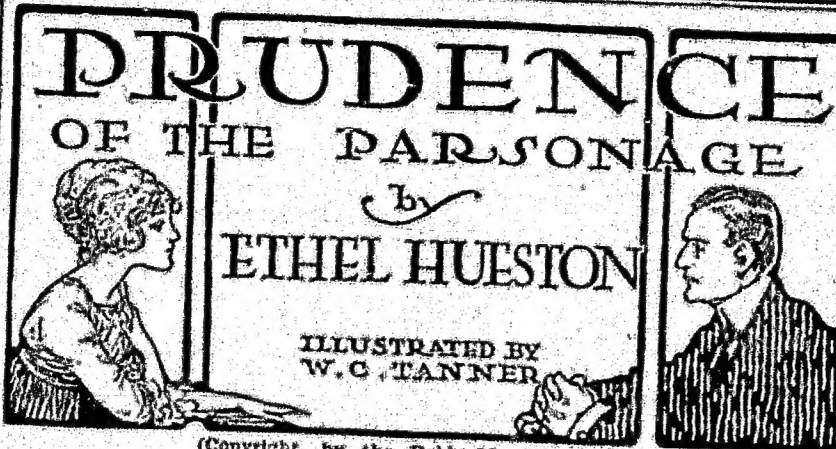
It is not advisable to hatch chicks after May for with the coming of summer heat the breeding stock lives in vigor and there is great danger of over heating the small chicks in the hot sun or by confining them to poorly constructed or poorly ventilated coops. Late chicks seldom make good size and their untimely condition encourages various diseases. Chickens, poults and calls are always found more troublesome among these late hatches.

LOOKER'S MILLS.

Marion Swift of Lewiston was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swift, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lapshaw of Westbrook were Sunday guests at E. P. Farrington's. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan visited with her parents, Elbridge Crocker and wife, at Bryant's Pond, Sunday. Mrs. W. H. Crocker attended grange at Bryant's Pond, Saturday. Mrs. H. H. York of Bethel visited the week end with Mrs. Mary Dart.

Rev. T. C. Chapman of Bethel preached a sermon for the Boy Scouts, Sunday.

Mrs. L. H. Hodgkins returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., Saturday, after staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, for several months. Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Perkins of Bryant's Pond visited with Mrs. Mary Dart, Sunday.



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Starr parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. Carol, one of the twins, sides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, Carol and Connie practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.—The twins prepare a constance for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V.—When Fairy entertains Eugene Babler in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that stovetop has small place in the Starr family.

CHAPTER VI.—Connie practices economy by borrowing a suit from one of the trustees to buy a new dress, and unconsciously teaches the church pillars a lesson.

"I think it was Sunday he left it," answered Fairy in a low voice. "I remember seeing it on the wall, and thinking he would need it—but I believe it was Sunday."

Prudence looked under the bed, and in the closet, but their father's room was empty. Should they go farther? For a moment, the girls stood looking at one another questioningly. Then—

they heard a loud thud downstairs, as if someone pouncing on a door. There was no longer any doubt. Someone was in the house! Connie and the twins screamed again and clung to Prudence frantically. And Fairy said, "I think we'd better lock the door and stay right here until morning, Prudence."

But Prudence faced them stubbornly. "If you think I'm going to let anyone steal that fifty dollars, you are mistaken. Fifty dollars does not come often enough for that, I can tell you."

"It's probably stolen already," objected Fairy.

"Well, if it is, we'll find out who did it, and have them arrested. I'm going down to telephone to the police. You girls must lock the door after me, and stay right here!"

The little ones screamed again, and Fairy said: "Don't be silly, Prudence, if you go I'm going with you, of course. We'll leave the kiddies here and they can lock the door. They'll be perfectly safe in here."

But the children loudly objected to this. If Prudence and Fairy went, they would go! So down the stairs they trooped, a timorous trembling crowd. Prudence went at once to the telephone, and called up the residence of the Allans, their neighbors across the street.

After a seemingly never-ending wait, the kind-hearted neighbor left his bed to answer the insistent telephone. Faintly Prudence explained their predicament, and asked him to come and search the house. He promised to be there in five minutes, with his son to help.

"Now," said Prudence more cheerfully, "we'll just go out to the kitchen and wait. It's quiet there, and away from the rest of the house, and we'll be perfectly safe." To the kitchen, then, they hurried, and found real comfort in its smallness and security. Prudence raked up the dying embers of the fire, and fairly drew the blinds to their lowest lines. The twins and Connie trailed them fearfully at every step.

Every breath of wind against the windows drew startled cries from the younger girls, and both Fairy and Prudence were white with anxiety when they heard the loud voices of the Allans outside the kitchen door. Prudence began crying nervously the moment the two angels of mercy appeared before her, and Fairy told their tale of woe.

"Well, there now," Mr. Allan said with sympathy, "you just rest scared, that's all. Everything's suspicious when folks get scared. I told my wife the other day I bet you girls would get a good fright sometime, left here alone. Come on, Jim, and we'll go over the house in a jiffy."

He was standing near the dining-room door. He lifted his head suddenly, and seemed to sniff a little. There was undoubtedly a faint odor of tobacco in the house.

"Been any men in here tonight?" he asked. "Of this afternoon? Think now?"

"No one," answered Prudence. "I was alone all afternoon, and there has been no one in this evening."

He passed slowly through the dining room into the hall, closely followed by his son and the five girls, already much reassured. As he passed the dining room door he paused for a moment, listening intently, his head bent.

"Oh, Mr. Allan," cried Prudence, "let's look in the dining room. I want to see if the money is safe." Her hand was already on the lock, but he shoved her away quickly.

"Is there any way out of that closet besides this door?" he asked.

"No. We call it the 'dungeon,'"

laughed Prudence, her self-possession quite recovered. "It is right under the stairs, and it's a terrible place."

"Well, it's not a terrible place if you can't get in there," said Mr. Allan, and he went back to the door.

"Aren't you Lumber-Limb Grant?"

Call the girls down here," he ordered, and when they appeared, gazing at the burglar with mingled admiration, pity and fear, he congratulated them with considerable excitement.

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"It's Lumber-Limb Grant," as explained, "There's a reward of five hundred dollars for him. You'll get the money, as sure as you're born." Then he turned again to the burglar. "Say, Grant, what a fellow like you doing on such a fifth-rate job as this? A Methodist parsonage is not just in your line, is it?"

Lumber-Limb laughed sheepishly. "Well," he explained good-naturedly, "Chicago got too hot for me. I had to get out in a hurry, and I couldn't get my hands on any money. I had a fine lot of jewels, but I was so pushed I couldn't use them. I came here and loafed around town for a while, because folks said Mount Mark was so fast asleep it did not even wake up long enough to read the daily papers. I heard about this parsonage bunch, and knew the old man had gone off to get more religion. This afternoon at the station I saw a detective from Chicago get off the train, and I knew what that meant. But I needed some cash, and so I wasn't above a little job of this kind. I never dreamed of getting done up by a bunch of preacher's kids. I went upstairs to get those family jewels I've heard about, and one of the little ones gave the alarm. I already had some of them, so I came down at once. I stopped in the dungeon to get that money, and first thing I knew the door banged shut. That's all. You're welcome to the five hundred dollars, ladies. Someone was bound to get it sooner or later."

Mr. Starr on Thursday morning had taken the early eastbound train to Burlington. He attended the evangelistic services at the tabernacle in the afternoon and evening, and then went to bed at the hotel. He slept late the next morning. When he finally appeared the clock came at once from behind the desk to speak to him. Two or three other guests, who had been lounging about, drew near.

"We've just been reading about your girls, sir," said the clerk respectfully. "It's a pretty nifty little bunch! You must be proud of them!"

"My girls!" ejaculated Mr. Starr. "Haven't you seen the morning paper? You're Mr. Starr, the Methodist minister at Mount Mark, aren't you?"

"I am! But what has happened to my girls? Is anything wrong? Give me the paper!"

Five minutes later Mr. Starr and his suitcase were in a taxicab speeding toward Union station, and within eight minutes he was en route for Mount Mark—white in the face, shaky in the knees, but tremendously proud in spirit.

Arriving at Mount Mark, he was instantly surrounded by an exclamatory crowd of station loungers. The name of Prudence was upon every tongue, and her father heard it with satisfaction. In the parsonage he found at least two-thirds of the Ladies' Aid society, the trustees and the Sunday-school superintendent, along with a miscellaneous assortment of ordinary members, mixed up with Presbyterians, Baptists and a few unclassified outsiders. And Prudence was the center of attention.

She was telling the "whole story," for perhaps the fifteenth time that morning, but she broke off when her father hurried in and flung her arms about him. "Oh, papa," she cried, "they mustn't praise me. I had no idea there was a burglar in the house when I ran down the stairs, and I honestly can't see that much credit is due me."

But Mount Mark did not take it so calmly. And as for the Methodist church—well, the Presbyterian people used to say there was "no living with those Methodists, since the girls caught a burglar in the parsonage." Of course it was important, from the Methodist point of view. Pictures of the parsonage and the church were in all the papers for miles around, and at their very next meeting the trustees decided to get the plans the Sunday school had been needing for the last hundred years!

When the five hundred dollars arrived from Chicago, Prudence felt that personally she had no real right to the money. "We must divide it," she insisted, "for I didn't earn it a bit more than any of the others. But it is perfectly glorious to have five hundred dollars, isn't it? Did you ever have five hundred dollars before? Just take it, father, and use it for whatever we need. It's family money."

Neither the younger girls nor their father would consent to this. But when Prudence headed with them earnestly, they decided to divide it. "I will deposit two hundred and fifty dollars for the four younger ones," he said, "and that will leave you as much."

So it was settled, and Prudence was a happy girl when she saw it safely put away in the bank.

CHAPTER VIII.

Remorse Carries.

Sometimes, Methodists, or Presbyterians, or heretics—whatever we may be—we are irresistibly impelled to the conclusion that things were simply bound to happen! However slight the



"Sometimes Will You Let Me Ride Your Wheel?"

summer, of Mattie's school, rejoicing that one more week would bring freedom from books for Mattie and the younger parsonage girls.

Then said Prudence: "Isn't it great fun to ride a bicycle? I love it. Sometime will you let me ride your wheel?"

"Why, certainly. You may ride now if you like."

"No," said Prudence slowly. "I used to ride, but am afraid it would not do now. Some of the members might see me, and—well, I am very grown-up now. Of course, of course, I ride for business, but it would be nothing but a frolic with me. I want to go early in the morning, when the world is fast asleep. Let me take it tomorrow morning, will you?"

"Yes, of course you may," was the hearty answer. "You may stay out as long as you like. I always sleep late on Saturdays."

So Prudence delightedly tripped up the parsonage board walk, wheeling the bicycle by her side. She hid it carefully in the woodshed, for the twins were rash and venturesome. But after she had gone to bed, she considered her plan to Fairy.

"I'm going at six o'clock, and Fairy, if I am a little late, you'll get breakfast for papa and the girls, like a dear, won't you?"

Fairy promised. And early the next morning Prudence, in red sweater jacket and cap, set out upon her secret ride. It was a magnificent morning, and Prudence sang for pure delight as she rode swiftly along the country roads, guided only by her own caprice. She knew it was growing late, but Fairy'll get breakfast," she thought, comfortably.

Finally she turned in a by-road leading between two rich hickory groves. Dismounting at the top of a long hill, she gazed anxiously around her. No one was in sight. The nearest house was two miles behind, and the road was long and smooth and inviting, and the hill was steep. Prudence prepared for a good, soul-stirring coast, with her feet high on the framework of the wheel, and the pedals flying around beneath her skirts. It seemed safe. The only living thing in sight was a sober-eyed, serious rattle snake, fully grazing near the bottom of the hill.

Prudence laughed gleefully, like a child. She never laughed again in exactly that way. "Here goes!" she cried, and leaping nimbly into the saddle, she pedaled swiftly a few times, and then lifted her feet to the coveted position. The pedals were around beneath her skirts, and she whistled about her in a most charming way.

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Another bill by Rep. Peterson of Ansonia would provide for the sale and forfeiture of vehicles carrying intoxicating liquor intended for illegal sale.

Rep. Boynton of Lincoln introduced an act providing that the salaries of judges of probate, registers of probate, clerks of judicial courts, sheriffs, county commissioners, registrars of deeds and county treasurers of the several counties shall be paid in equal monthly payments on the last day of each month.

Both branches of the legislature on Tuesday morning of last week adjourned the hour of meeting to 9:30 A. M. instead of 10 A. M., and the legislature were informed of the importance of presenting all measures last week if they had any desire to close their legislative work of this term with the month of March.

They did even better than this on Friday morning when they met at nine o'clock. But this was in order that all members of the legislature, Governor Milliken, his staff, the executive council, their ladies and other invited guests might take the special train about noon to go to Portland for the great preparedness meeting held there Friday afternoon. Governor Milliken and S. Stanwood Menken of New York, organizer and president of the National Security League, were the speakers.

The committee on inland fisheries and game presented two reports on act to repeal the law providing for a close time for Sunday hunting. The minority report, ought to pass, is signed by Sen. Hastings of Androscoggin and Reps. Webb of Cherryfield, O'Connell of Millisnokeet and Berry of Waterville, while the majority report ought not to pass, is signed by Senators Chick of Kennebec and Merrill of

Somerset and Reps. Flint of Monson, McNally of Ashland, Babb of Sebago and Stanley of Dixfield.

The committee on public utilities reported ought to pass in new draft, and with new title on act to require automatic signals at certain grade crossings not protected by gates or flagmen. The new draft is entitled an act to require automatic signals and the removal of obstructions at certain grade crossings not protected by gates or flagmen, and declares obstruction or interference with the performance of any act authorized or required hereunder a misdemeanor and provides a fine of not more than \$20 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days. The provision is eliminated of forfeiture of \$1,000 by any railroad company failing to comply with the provisions of the act. The supreme judicial court is given jurisdiction on law and in equity however to enforce compliance of any order issued by the Public Utilities Commission under this act.

The bill authorizing the Oxford Electric Co. to extend its lines to Hebron and to purchase the electrical equipment and franchise of the Hebron Academy was taken up last Wednesday and Rep. Baxter offered an amendment, preventing the company from transmitting electrical current out of the State, etc., which brought on a lively debate and discussion of an hour's duration. Speaker Bonney ruled the amendment not germane to the bill, from which Rep. Baxter appealed. The discussion took a somewhat wide range and went through the water and electrical questions, points of order and interrup-

tions, until the sentiment of the House as shown led Rep. Baxter to withdraw the appeal, saying he would take up the matter at another time. He also withdrew his amendment and the entire House joined in applause at this method of cutting the knot. The bill was then given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

The act to extend the charter of the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway has met no opposition in its legislative course.

Rep. Hutchins of Mexico had amended the act relating to the terms of court in Oxford county, so as to abolish the March term, the February term to meet on the second Tuesday at Paris and the May term on the second Tuesday at Rumford, with grand jury sessions at each. The bill then proceeded to its way.

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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Rev. W. C. Curtis visited on Monday.

Mr. Ray Parker spent the week in South Paris.

Miss Vivian Jackson was unable to attend school last week.

Miss Ermine Rabideau visited on Wednesday, March 21.

John Chase has returned to resume his studies in the Junior Class.

Miss Ethel Eagle was absent from school, Monday, on account of illness.

Miss Laura Cummings entered Freshman Class at the beginning of this term.

The Academy Heralds were distributed Monday at the close of the morning session.

The Y. W. C. A. girls sold popcorn and home-made candy at the picture Friday evening.

Miss Florence Chapman, Miss Dorothy McDowell and Mr. Edward Brown were visitors at school last Friday.

The first Y. M. C. A. meeting of the term was held last Thursday. Leonard Kimball was leader, his topic being, "Our Example; What Shall Be?"

The first Y. W. C. A. meeting of the spring term was held Wednesday afternoon at Holden Hall. Miss Blanche Herick was leader, the topic being "Cowardice."

The Athletic Association will hold social in the near future. A committee has been chosen consisting of Miss Cummings, Ernestine Philbrook, John Chase and Vivian Hutchins.

The last game of the season between the Red Bandanas and Blue Bandanas was played Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium, the game resulting with a score of 20 to 6 in favor of the Blues.

THE ACADEMY FAIR.

The Academy Fair, which was postponed from last term, will be held in the Grange Hall on Thursday afternoon of the present week. The chief object of the Fair is to secure funds for needed repairs and improvements about the Academy building, and to this end all should wish to help. All kinds of useful and fancy articles will be on sale.

The Alumni Committee, consisting of Misses Mildred Bosserman, Mona Martyn and Elizabeth Leslie will offer for sale a variety of articles, contributed by loyal alumni from far and near. Contributions to this department are still solicited from all alumni and ex-students. This committee will also serve tea.

The Senior Committee will display all kinds of fancy articles, illustrating the deft handiwork of members of the class and interested friends. A generous patronage of this department will help the class toward defraying graduation expenses.

The Junior Committee will offer for sale O. A. pennants, armlets, pillows, and all kinds of domestic articles. We bespeak for this department a generous patronage.

The Sophomore Committee will have in charge, not only the ever alluring fish pond, but will also offer for sale fancy and domestic articles such as can be found in no other department.

The Freshman Committee will tempt you with the finest assortment of home-made candy ever shown in Bethel. Don't fail to take a generous quantity home with you.

The Y. W. C. A. Committee will conduct a feed sale, and will also serve ice cream and cake. These girls are trying to earn money to send delegates to Camp Mahanikut next summer. Your generous patronage of this department will be a distinct help in a worthy cause.

The entertainment in the evening, also in the Grange Hall, has been gotten up quickly, but will display a variety of talent in skits. It is hoped the young people will be greeted by a large and not too critical audience.

PROGRAMME.
Piano duet, Misses Doris Ordway and Marjorie Farwell.
Declamation, Net Gully, Harry Young, Viola Hale, Philip Brown.
Selection, Boys' Chorus.
Declamation, The Storming of Missions Ridge, Robert Hanson, Chas.